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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Steve Piurkowsky and I am not a local resident, but am an active diver of the Sonoma-Mendocino area. I do not own property at The Sea Ranch but have been visiting for one week each of the last five years and renting a house through Don Berard or other realtors. I use all access points primarily to find the easiest access and best diving depending on each days conditions. Most areas in my experience are comparable for abalone in quantity and size, but exposure and to elements varies. I have 3 boys I bring on the trips and I am teaching them to dive. We also visit the surrounding areas to kayak, hike, bike, and eat out. Last year we took a fishing trip out of Noyo Harbor. I have now interested two other families who travel with us to enjoy the great houses and the beach, and share abalone.

Because of the variety of safe entry and egress spots The Sea Ranch offers, I feel very secure for myself and my kids pursuing abalone diving. I was very surprised to hear the MLPA Commission is considering closing 3 of the Sonoma Parks access points on the Sea Ranch to diving and fishing. This would likely impact my ability to find available lodging to fit my schedule, and limit the access points for safe diving. Please do not close this area.

**Sincerely,
Steve Piurkowsky**